

from the group consisting of BCG, diphtheria, tetanus, whole cell pertussis, polio, hepatitis B, hemophilus influenza, measles, mumps and rubella immunogens, at least one of the following conditions applies: (a) immunogens are administered on at least three different dates prior to 42 days after birth, or (b) immunogens are administered on at least three different dates, and the maximum interval between administrations is about two weeks, or less.

REMARKS

1. In the Amendment of April 10, 1995, Applicants rewrote claim 3 in independent form, its original base claim (1) having been cancelled. Applicant's intent was to incorporate all of the limitations of base claim 1 into claim 3. However, in the course of preparing an analysis of the claims, Counsel discovered that the following limitation of claim 1 had been omitted:

the first dose of said immunization schedule beginning before 42 days after birth, and said one or more immunogens acting to substantially reduce said chronic immune mediated disorder include at least one immunogen other than BCG.

Consequently, the present Supplemental Amendment adds the following clauses to claim 3 as last amended November 21, 1996:

the first dose of said immunization schedule being administered when the mammal is less than 42 days old, measured from birth,

where, if only one immunogen is administered according to said immunization schedule, that immunogen is one other than BCG.

The new wording is somewhat clearer than the original claim 1 limitations, but the intent is the same.

Claim 58 was intended to parallel claim 3, and hence has also been amended.

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These claims are patentable for the reasons stated in the November 21, 1996 amendment.

2. Applicants request that, prior to action, they be accorded a formal interview in order to facilitate resolution of any remaining issues in this case.

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